whatever it may be But it should not appear that it was purposely made to lapse. Now, you know the sentiments of the House. One never knows who sits on which side in future. So, it is better that we keep the healthy practices and the traditions of this House. Let not this impression, Mr. Information Minister go...

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Madam, I know the traditions of this House. There are several instances when one Bill was passed in one House and it came too late in the other House. So, whatever traditions are there....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us try.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Whatever constitutionaly is needed, will be done for that Bill also.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All right. Now, we will go on to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address. ....(*Interruptions*)... Now. that matter is closed. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Madam, there was a strike by ATCs and six people were arrested by the Government. There are two plane crashes, one in Chennai and one in Delhi, and there is no statement from the Civil Aviation Minister. It is a very serious matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think, a statement on the Delhi accident, as far as the defence matter is concerned, was made.

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: There was a request to the Civil Aviation Minister to make a statement in this House as it was a failure of ATC. There was a sabotage by the ATCs. We want that a statement should come from the Civil Aviation Minister.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I would ask the Government to tell the Civil Aviation Minister to ring a statement before the House because it is very serious. Last month we have seen—and personally, I have witnessed that a very important dignitary from the Soviet Union who was visiting India—I was at the airport to see him off—he had to wait for almost 45 minutes sitting in the plane, and the plane did not leave because some strike was going on over there. These serious matters take place. The Minister should come before the House as he owes some information to share with the Members so that the Memebrs can also express their views. Now, we will take up the Motion of Thanks. ...(*Interruptions*)...

अभी क्या रह गया। ...(व्यवधान)

RE:NOTICE OF PRIVILEGE REGARDING "ASIAN AGE"

श्री बालकवि बैरागी (मध्य प्रदेश): मैडम, विंटर सैशन में मैंने "एशियन एज" के खिलाफ प्रिविलेज मोशन दिया था। इस सदन के कई सदस्यों और देश के कई जिम्मेदार अधिकारियों के नाम एक अखबार ने रमेश शर्मा वाले मामले में छापे। मैंने प्रिविलेज मोशन दिया और उसके बाद अभी तक उस मोशन के बारे में कोई निर्णायक स्थिति सामने नहीं आई। मैडम, मैं चाहता हूं कि उस में आप हस्तक्षेप करें और इस मामले को स्पष्ट करें, क्योंकि इस सदन के कई माननीय सदस्यों का मामला उसमें उलझा हुआ है।

SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOTRA (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, this issue regarding Romesh Sharma has been raised many times in this House. Also, the issue about the names of officials who are occupying sensitive positions has been raised, but no action has been taken. It is a matter of national security, and I have repeatedly reminded. In fact, I have written to every Member of Parliament, apart from the hon. Chairman, but nothing has happened till date.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: As regards your privilege...

डा० (श्रीमती) उर्मिला चिमनभाई पटेल (गुजरात): मैडम, मैं एक बात कहना चाहती हूं ...(व्यवधान)

उपसभापति: पहले मैं प्रिविलेज की बात सैटल कर दूं। अभी आप बैठिए। Regarding the matter of privilege about the *Asian Age,* 'I have been informed by the Secretary-General that letters were written to the persons concerned, and some replies have come. They have been sent to the Member. I feel this procedure is very cumbersome. We have to discuss the matter with the hon. Chairman, and find a procedure by which there is a time-limit. If a matter of privilege is raised by the Members, it should be within a certain time because the rules of privilege say, 'recent happening', and by the time the people against whom the privilege issue is raised respond, it takes a long time and the matter never remains one of recent happening. I think the Members of the Committee will discuss with the hon. Chairman, and we will try to keep a time-limit for the reply, and for the matter to be accepted for privilege or rejected by the Committee. ...(*Interruptions*)...

अभी और क्या है, अभी तो पूरा एक घंटा इसी में हो गया।

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Kerala): Madam, we put questions in order to get the details. Through a question, I had asked about the details of the disoursement of the credit to the steel companies. The Minister has given the answer in one sentence the six companies have been given Rs. 726 crores. No details have been given.*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This matter should not be raised in this manner, but we will...

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): Madam, are you permitting the question raised by Shri Vayalar Ravi to go on record?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Because if this goes on record, then we will have to discuss that question.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, we are not allowing it to be raised. But, his concern is being raised that the answer to the question was not specific. Mr. Vayalar Ravi, I will find a solution for you. You can give notice for a half-an-Hour Discussion on it, we will accept it. That would be the proper procedure.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, there is another point. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: I do not accept this allegation. I have answered the Question properly and to the point. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It was not raised. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI (Uttar Pradesh): Mr. Das Gupta always makes allegations. You completely forget... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have found solutions for everything. (*Interruptions*) I think, I have been able to find solutions for everything in my career in this House but I have not been able to find any solution for cross-talk. When the discussion is serious ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI O. RAJGOPAL (Madhya Pradesh): What about Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta? (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Cross-talk can happen only between two people and not individually. Now, there is a message from the Lok Sabha. Let us see what the message is from the Lok Sabha.

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA—Contd.

The Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Repeal Bill, 1999

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Madam, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok